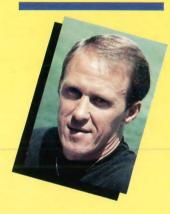




PHILS PAGE



We only had to look at the League table to recognise the importance of today's game to our two clubs.

We welcome Notts County, Neil Warnock and his lads for a game I am sure will prove a very interesting encounter.

We met them early on in the season, losing 2-1 at Meadow Lane when, as I clearly recall, we were 'done' by two goals in a minute. I'm looking to avenge that defeat this afternoon. There's a breakaway group of eight teams or so at the top with an interesting contest developing among them and with both ourselves and County involved it goes without saving that we'll both be going all out for the points.

I was delighted with the way the team performed at Mansfield on Tuesday night. Their commitment was magnificent coming so soon after the hiccup at Reading—an occasion I'm sure we would all sooner forget. Having said that, we still managed to create a few chances at Reading, but sadly failed to convert them.

With such important points at stake this afternoon we'll have to make sure we take whatever chances come our way.

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	1988-89	1989-90	(Decrease)	Highest	Lowest	1989-90
Birmingham C.	6265	8067	+ 1802	11277	5139	Bailey 14
Blackpool	4276	3937	- 399	5737	2512	Garner 7
Bolton W.	5528	7040	+ 1512	10628	5501	Philliskirk 10
Brentford	5681	5869	+ 188	7962	4647	Holdsworth 16
Bristol C.	8120	10234	+ 2114	17432	6365	Taylor 15
Bristol R.	5259	5796	+ 537	7722	4350	Mehe: .5
Bury	3367	3190	- 177	4715	2551	Robinson 13
Cardiff C.	4384	3634	- 750	6372	2086	Pike 11
Chester C.	3055	2355	- 700	3156	1722	Abel 5
Crewe A	3296	3811	+ 515	4786	3165	Sussex 7
Fulham	4938	4233	- 705	6089	3156	Walker 11
Huddersfield T.	5821	6148	+ 327	8483	4973	Smith 7
Leyton O.	3793	4361	+ 588	6572	3040	Cooper 10
Mansfield T.	4005	3236	- 769	6384	2255	Wilkinson 9
Northampton T.	3918	3370	- 548	4088	2617	Barnes 11
Notts Co.	5675	5747	+ 72	7819	4588	Johnson 10
Preston N.E.	7737	6275	- 1462	9135	4480	Harper 9
Reading	5105	4399	- 706	6147	3242	Senior 11
Rotherham U.	5063	5949	+ 886	7750	4450	Williamson 18
Shrewsbury T.	4706	3678	- 1028	5118	2300	McGinlay 14
Swansea	4896	4416	- 480	12244	2738	Melville 5
Tranmere R.	5331	6824	+ 1493	9020	4912	Muir 16
Walsall	6108	4251	- 1857	5693	3315	Rimmer 10
Wigan A	3151	2428	- 723	3179	2019	Hilditch 7
[Upto and includ	ling 6th Mar	ch, 1990]				

SHORTS ON DIVISION 3

- Two successive home wins over Mansfield (4-1) and Blackpool (3-1) ended Birmingham's run of only 2 points in 5 games.
- Bristol City's 3-0 win at Chester last Saturday was their first away League game for nearly 2 months.
- Bristol Rovers have won 4 and drawn 2 of their last 6 games while Tranmere's 3-0 win at Bristol City was their sixth successive League win.
- Bury's Kevin Hulme scored his first League goal to give the Shakers a 1-0 home win over Northampton.
- Crewe are now undefeated in their last 7 games and have lost only twice in their last 16 outings.
- Huddersfield have lost their last 3 games, all 0-1, after a run of 23 points from their previous 10 games.
- Northampton are now without a win in 7 games while Walsall last won on 16th December, 12 League games ago.
- · Wigan have had only 2 home

- gates over the 3000 mark, Chester only one (against Wigan on Boxing Day.)
- John Thomas scored his first goal back at Deepdale in Preston's 2-0 win against Walsall.
- Cardiff's 2-0 victory against Rotherham was their first League win at Ninian Park since 25th November.

Division 3 Top Scorers League & Cup

- 24 Muir (Tranmere)
- 22 Taylor (Bristol C.)21 Williamson (Rotherham)
- 20 Holdsworth (Brentford)
- 18 McGinley (Shrewsbury) Rimmer (Walsall) Senior (Reading)
- 16 Bailey (Birmingham) Malkin (Tranmere) Philliskirk (Bolton W.)
- 14 Mehew (Bristol R.) Robinson (Bury)
- 13 Barnes (Northampton) Pike (Cardiff) Walker (Fulham)





Dear Sir,

I was interested to read in your 'News Desk' notes in the programme for the Birmingham game your little comments regarding the accepting of referees decisions as being final.

I recently read a column on Rugby Union and I thought the following comment quite amusing, but perfectly true:-

Law 1 The referee is always right.

Law 2 In the event of the referee making a mistake, then Law 1 applies.

It would appear that dissent by players is also creeping into Rugby!

Yours faithfully, J.V. Heyes (Worsley, Manchester.) With our fine mid week win at Mansfield and Notts Colunty's victory at home to Swansea, here is the updated top six:

TOP SIX

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tranmere	32	17	6	9	64	35	57
Bristol R.	30	15	11	4	43	21	56
Bristol C.	29	17	5	7	39	24	56
Notts Cty.	31	16	8	7	46	35	56
Bolton	30	14	10	6	45	32	52
Rotherham	32	14	9	9	57	39	51

Congratulations

Congratulations to Steve Thompson who scored his 50th goal for the Club against Birmingham.

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Message from Keith:

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STEPHEN THOMPSON

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Married: Yesto Vivienne

Married: Yes to Vivienne
Children: None yet
Favourite Other
Team: Spurs
Favourite Away
Ground: Turf Moor
Best Player you have
seen in your position:
Glenn Hoddle

Best Goal scored and how: The penalty against Blackpool will always be special.

Best Goal seen: Beefo against Wrexham, great cross.

Best Sporting

Moment
outside
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super teams
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Character
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Details of your First Match:

Playing away at Derby, we drew 0-0.

Your worst moment on the football field: Being sent off against Wigan, then reading in a paper the referee admiting he sent the wrong player off.

The funniest incident you have seen on a football pitch: Me and Tony Philliskirk organising our free kicks.

Your best pal in football: Steve Elliott and Jeff Chandler

The best and worst dressers among your team mates:

Ian Stevens/Phil Brown
Do you have any
hobbies: Training
Blackpool Rangers U-14

With which sports star would you like to change places for a day?: Seve Ballesteros Your favourite newspaper: Daily Express Your favourite holiday spot: Almeria Biggest risk taken in your life: Going on a 18-30 holiday with the lads.

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team.





NOTTS COUNTY



This afternoon we extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Notts County. While Wanderers were winning at Mansfield in midweek. County came back from the disappointment of a 2-3 defeat at Bury last Saturday to beat Swansea 2-1. First half goals by Lund and Palmer set County on the way in front of Meadow Lane's second lowest League crowd of the season. 4682

Regarded as one of the promotion favourites before a ball was kicked in August. County have been tucked away with the leading clubs all season. A run of 8 wins and 2 draws in 10 games in late October, November and

December firmly established their promotion credentials. Since the turn of the year the club's form has been somewhat erratic with a couple of heavy defeats (0-4 at home to Bury and 2-5 at Fulham) and only three wins in 9 games until Tuesday's victory over Swansea.

County's challenge for honours has been based primarily on superb home form with 11 wins and 36 points from 16 games at Meadow Lane. On their travels they have won five times, at Leyton Orient (1-0), Mansfield (3-1), Huddersfield (2-1), Cardiff (3-1) and Rotherham (2-1).

County's interest in the two main cup competitions this season has been short lived. In the Littlewoods Cup they suffered a first round exit at the hands of Shrewsbury and went out of the FA Cup at Doncaster at the first round stage. Progress in the Levland DAF Cup is continuing after a second round win on penalties after extra time at Hereford. This followed a fine 1-0 win at Bristol City in the first round.

In charge at Meadow Lane is the well respected Neil Warnock, who cut his managerial teeth at Burton Albion and Scarborough. Warnock replaced John Barnwell at the helm, joining County on 5th January 1989, only a few days after leaving Seamer Road. County were in 19th position at the turn of last year but in the second half of the season proved one of the most consistent sides in the division, winning 13 and drawing 4 of the last 23 games to finish a respectable 9th.

Taking into account their form in the second half of last season and so far this term, the two clubs' records in Division Three are most impressive. Notts County have won 29, drawn 12 and lost 13 of their last 54 League games while the Wanderers have won 21, drawn 19 and lost only 6 of their last 46 games.

Last Season Division 3 P 46 Home W11 D7 L5 F37 A22 Away W7 D6 L10 F27 A32 67 pts. (9th) Most League Appearances

Withe 45. Law 44, O'Riordan 43, Lund 42. Yates 41, Pike 36, Thorpe 36, McStay 33. Top Scorers

Lund 8, Barnes 7, McParland 6, Yates 6. FORM GUIDE

This Season-Last Ten League Games Crewe A 1 0-1 (a) Bury (h) 0-4 Blackpool D 0-0 (a) Levton O. W (h) 1-0 W Rotherham (a) 2-1 Chester C. (h) D 0-0 Fulham 2-5 (a) Huddersfield T (h) W 1-0 Bury 2-3 (a) Swansea C. W (h) 2-1 SCORERS

League (46): Johnson 10, Lund 7, Stant 5, Yates 5, Chapman 4, Turner 4, Palmer 4, Draper 3, Robinson 2, Short 1, Barnes 1, Cup (8): Barnes 2, Stant 1, Short 1, Draper 1, Lund 1, Robinson 1, Palmer 1.

League Appearances 1989-90 (upto and including 3.3.90.):

Barnes 10+3, Chapman 10+2, Cherry 30, Draper 26+4, Fairclough 5+3, Johnson 20+4, Kevan 1+2, Law 0+1, Lund 29, McStay 0+3. Norris 0+1, Norton 1+1, O'Riordan 12+1, Palmer 28, Platnauer 30, Robinson 30, Short 29, Stant 12+6, Turner 28, Yates 29,

Goalkeeper Steve Cherry has been everpresent so far this season. Signed from Plymouth Argyle in February 1989 for £70,000 after a loan spell at Chesterfield. the 29 year old Nottingham born 'keeper played previously for Derby and Walsall and has made over 280 League appearances. He is a former England Youth International.

Charlie Palmer joined County permanently last March after a loan spell from Hull City. Formerly with Watford and Derby, the 26 year old Aylesbury born defender has missed only a couple of games this season to take his career tally to 170 League appearances. Nicky Platnauer came to Meadow Lane during the summer from Cardiff City. The 28 year old Leicester born defender tasted League football for the first time at Bristol Rovers and followed manager Bobby Gould into the First Division with

				FA	CT FILE	
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Season	Div.	Position	Cup	Cup	Apps	Scorer
1984-85	2	20th	4	3	Goodwin 38	Harkouk 15
1985-86	3	8th	2	4	Yates 44, McParland 44	McParland 15
1986-87	3	7th	1	2	Smalley 46, Thompson 46	McParland 24
1987-88	3	4th	1	2	Smalley 46, Yates 46,	McParland 21
					Pike 46, Mills 46	
1988-89	3	9th	2	2	Withe 45	Lund 8





Coventry City. He later moved to Birmingham City before joining Cardiff. An ever present for County this season, he recently made his 250th League appearance.

Dean Yates is a highly rated central defender who has been a first team regular at Meadow Lane since his senior debut as a 17 year old in April 1985. Last year Dean graduated into the England Under 21 side and recently he made his 200th League appearance for the club. Phil Robinson joined County just before the start of the season for £67.500 from Wolves and has been everpresent so far. Formerly an apprentice at Aston Villa, for whom he made 3 first team appearances, the 23 year old Stafford born midfielder figured in two promotion campaigns during his time at Molineux and recently celebrated his 100th League appearance. Don O'Riordan is a vastly experienced midfielder or defender who was signed from Grimsby Town before the start of last season. The 32 year old Dublin born player was formerly with Derby, Preston, Carlisle and Middlesbrough and is a veteran of over 400 League games.

Mark Draper is a promising 19 year old who hails from Derby. He came up through the trainee ranks at Meadow Lane and made his League bow with 20 appearances last season. This term he has played in every League game so far and is considered a fine prospect for the future. Gary Lund is a 25 year old striker who scored 24 goals in 60 games for Grimsby Town, his local side, before moving on to Lincoln City. He joined County before the start of the 1987-88 campaign and finished as leading scorer in his first season at Meadow Lane. Recently the



Back Row (Left to right): Geoff Pike, David Norton, Willie McStay, Wayne Fairclough, Scott Machin, Paul Cox, David Kevan

Middle Row: Philip Robison, Charles Palmer, Nicky Law, Dean Yales, Steve Cherry, Aidan Davison, Craig

whothe now. Philip nooson, Graines halmer, nicky Law, Dean Tates, Steve Cherry, Aldan Davison, Graig Short, Don O'Riordan, Philip Stant, John Newman (Asst. Manager). Front Row: Cary Lund, Paul Barnes, Tommy Johnson, Neil Warnock (Manager), Philip Turner (Captain), Mark Draper, Nicky Plahauer.

former England Under 21 International made his 200th League appearance (72 goals) and scored a last minute winner to give his side a vital 1-0 win over Huddersfield a fortnight ago. 21 year old Craig Short followed manager Neil Warnock to the County Ground from Scarborough during the summer for a fee of £100,000 with further instalments to follow dependent on first team appearances. Last season the former Pickering Town player became a regular at Seamer Road and missed only four games in Boro's promotion challenge after being successfully converted from right winger to central defender. He made his County debut in the second game of the season against Blackpool, has been everpresent since and is nearing 100 League games.

Phil Turner has missed only one game in the County midfield this season. The Sheffieldborn 28 year old made 241 League appearances for his first club, Lincoln City, and later moved to Grimsby and Leicester before joining County as part of the deal which took Gary Mills to Filbert Street in March 1989. He has played in 370 League games. Tom Johnson is a 19 year old Gateshead born striker who graduated through the trainee ranks at Meadow Lane and made the first team towards the end of last season. This term he currently leads the County scoring charts with 10 League goals including the first against Bolton in a 2-1 win in September. Gary Chapman played ten

League games on loan to County from Bradford City earlier this season and recently made the move a permanent one in a £15,000 deal. The Leeds born 25 year old scored four goals for County during his loan spell including a double strike in a 2-1 home win over Rotherham.

Boltonbornstriker Phil Stant joined Notts County from Hereford during the summer in a £175,000 deal. Hereford's leading scorer for the last two seasons, including 28 League goals last term, he has struggled to gain a regular place at Meadow Lane and was recently transfer listed. Paul Barnes is a 22 year old Leicester born striker whose first team opportunities were restricted due to injury in the early part of his career. The former County apprentice has recently won a regular place in the side. Nicky Law is an experienced defender who was formerly with Barnsley, Blackpool and Plymouth. Last season, his first at Meadow Lane, he missed only two League games and passed 250 career League appearances but he has not figured regularly in County's team so far this season and recently completed a loan spell at Scarborough.



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It's been a busy THIRD DIVISION week of mixed fortunes around the country. During mid-week TRANMERE took over the League leadership. After a stunning 4-0 away victory at NORTHAMPTON the Rovers faced another difficult game on away territory at high flying BRISTOL CITY last Tuesday and the division's hotshots notched another three in sinking City 3-1

Third placed BRISTOL ROVERS followed up their 6-1 thrashing of WIGAN with a nice away victory in midweek at READING 1-0.

BOLTON had failed at the same venue last weekend, going down 2-0 but Phil Neal's men soon got back to winning ways at MANS-FIELD thanks to Julian Darby's 57th minute solitary decider. That victory edged the Wanderers into fifth place

over ROTHERHAM who went down 2-0 at CARDIFF after beating BRENTFORD by a narrow 2-1 at Millmoor last Saturday. Like Bolton, fourth placed NOTTS COUNTY won one and lost one. At Gigg Lane last weekend County failed narrowly 3-2 but bounced back at Meadow Lane in mid week, beating SWANSEA 2-1.

Bury look set to attempt a late challenge. They made the most of two home games on the trot and picked up six valuable points. It was former Radcliffe Borough striker Kevin Hulme who clinched the points with his first goal for the club and send visiting NORTHAMPTON into the relegation zone.

There's only six points in it between the top half dozen clubs scrambling toward the finishing line and it looks set to be a battle to the final game.

In the FIRST DIVISION, the Red's of LIVERPOOL still remain favourites for the title but Anfield visitors MILL-WALL made Pool fight all the way and it was Gary Gillespie who separated the teams with an 83rd minute decider. ASTON VILLA failed in front of goal for the second consecutive game this time losing out to COVENTRY 2-0.

Talking point of the weekend came from the NOTTS FOREST—MANCHESTER CITY encounter. As things were going to plan for Howard Kendall's men, Forest's quick thinking winger Gary Crosby headed the ball off the palm of Andy Dibble's hand before tapping in the deciding goal. Despite hostile appeals from City, referee Rodger Gifford saw the incident as quite legitimate and City came away empty handed.

Despite MANCHESTER UNITED'S run of ill fortune, 35,000 turned out at Old Trafford for the visit of LUTON. On the park United ran out 4-1 victors to complete a happy afternoon for the faithfuls.

In DIVISION TWO, LEEDS remain top despite losing 1-0 at Watford but SHEFFIELD UNITED edge closer after romping home 4-1 at Bradford City.

Joe Roule's OLDHAM earned a valuable away point BRIGHTON. Ossie Ardiles' men of SWINDON still show the consistency to go up after defeating PORT VALE 3-0. Let's not forget to congratulate Oldham on reaching the Littlewoods Cup Final in mid week for their first ever Wembley appearance. Leading 6-0 from the first leg proved to be too much for WEST HAM to pull back and the Latics march on.

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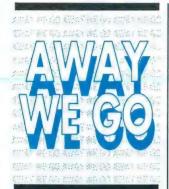
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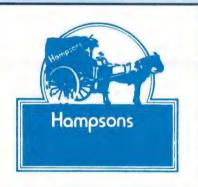
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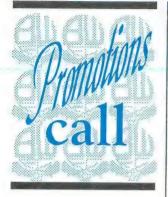


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10th March



DOUG HOLDEN
Goalgetter at Wolves on this day in 1962.

1894—Bolton reached the FA Cup final by defeating Sheffield Wednesday 2-1 at Fallowfield. Handel Bentley put the Wanderers in front three minutes from half time and he secured a final place with another midway through the second half. As a reward the team were taken to the Wales v England international at Wrexham the following Monday.

1900—Famous Richmond amateur goalkeeper W. H. Waller made his debut for Bolton in a 0-0 draw with Leicester Fosse at Filbert Street.

1906—A Marshall McEwan goal was enough to give the Wanderers the points from their visit to Derby County and to record their eighth consecutive League win.

1915—The Wanderers recovered from their 7-0 defeat at Sheffield Wednesday by drawing 1-1 at home to Sunderland. Evan Jones hit the Wanderers goal.

1917—Goals from Geddes and Pickup gave the Wanderers a 2-1 win over Preston at Deepdale and their first success in the Lancashire section war league since 9th December.

1923—A first half goal from David Jack put Bolton into the

semi finals of the FA Cup with Charlton Athletic missing out before their own supporters.

1926—Extra time in a sixth round FA Cup replay with Nottingham Forest at Burnden remained goalless and so a third replay was scheduled to take place at Old Trafford five days later.

1928—A first minute goal from Rollo Jack gave Bolton the lead against Arsenal at Burnden but the Londoners won a point thanks to an equaliser from Charlie Buchan. 1934—Goals from Jack Milsom and George Eastham gave Bolton a 2-0 win over Fulham at Craven Cottage.

1945—Nat Lofthouse hit a hat trick as Southport were crushed 6-1 in a Northern section war game at Burnden. Tom Woodward, Dan Murphy and Lol Hamlett were the other goalgetters.

1962—Bolton went down 5-1 to Wolves at Molineux where Doug Holden was the goalscorer.

1973—The Wanderers kept up with the Third Division pacesetters after a 1-1 draw with Scunthorpe United at The Old Show Ground. Garry Jones scored the Wanderers goal.



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LEFT: Tony Philliskirk heads home to give Bolton a first half lead against Tranmere.

ABOVE RIGHT: Wanderers striker David Reeves squeezes through a packed Tranmere defence on his route to goal.

BELOW RIGHT: Tony Philliskirk in the thick of the action in the Tranmere goal area.

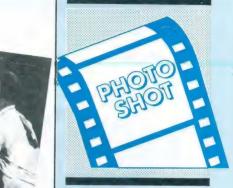


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"It certainly promises to be quite a game"



he talking point last weekend in the world of football was of course the goal Gary Crosby scored against Manchester City. Certainly it was unusual to say the least and whilst being the only goal of the game it certainly got a huge amount of coverage by the media. The referee was totally right in giving the goal and even though City 'keeper Andy Dibble was annoved with the outcome, the player who scored the goal must take full credit for just using that bit of imagination and being cheeky enough to try something out of the ordinary.

City fans seem to have put paid to Howard Kendall's honeymoon start to the club and in the last couple of weeks or so the boo boys are coming out in the open again with outcries of Everton old bous and criticism of the sweeper system which seem to have put the onus of not conceding goals at any cost, even if that is at the expense of good open attacking football. Even if there is early teething problems you sense that things will soon start to go right at City and many Wanderers fans will be watching the situation especially with old favourite Peter Reid now firmly involved in the coaching and playing set up at Maine Road.

Turning our attentions towards this afternoon's

game and it certainly promises to be quite a game with both teams realising the importance that a win would give at this point of the season. Recalling last season's encounter down here at Burnden when it really was a case of a game of two halves with County racing into a 3 goal advantage at half time before the Whites put on a grandstand second half performance to earn a point in a six goal thriller.

Neil Warnock has certainly gelled his side into a force to be reckoned with this season in the Third Division and no doubt we will have our work cut out this afternoon to stop them doing the double over us. They inflicted a 2-1 defeat on us back in September so it is revenge time for us today and with it hopefully a couple of moves up the table.

Our next away game is at local neighbours Wigan Athletic in what should be their biggest attendance of the season if only because of the thousands of travelling Wanderers fans which will swell the gate. You've got to feel slightly sorry for the Wigan club because the Wigan public seem more and more to snubbing the soccer club while the all-conquering Rugby League club attract more and more fans, or is it because the pies are tastier down at Central Park than Springfield Park?

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30	Stoke C.	H	3-4			
Sep.	STORE C.		3.4			
	West Bromwich A.	Α	1-5			
6						
13	York City	H	2-3			
19	Burnley	Α	1-0			
20	Littlewoods Cup 2/1L					
27	Blackpool	Н	0-1			
Oct.						
2	Mansfield T.	Α	4-2			
4	Littlewoods Cup 2/2L					
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18	Port Vale	Α	1-1			
25	Wolverhampton W.	H	1-2			
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15	Sunderland	A	2-3			
22		A	1-3			
	Scunthorpe Utd.					
29	Barnsley	Н	1-0			
Dec.	0		-			
5	Grimsby T.	Α	P			
13	Middlesborough	Н	1-4			
19	Rotherham Utd.	Α	P			
Jan.						
3	Stoke City	Α	3-4			
10	Sheffield W.	H	2-4			
17	York City	A	1-1			
24	West Brom, Albion	Н	P			
31	Burnley	H	P			
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28	Barnsley	Α				
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12th February, 1990.
Preston North End 0
Bolton Wanderers 0

The reserves have played out only two goalless games so far this season and both have been against Preston, yet this was one encounter that should have seen maximum points return to Burnden Park.

The Wanderers settled quickly on the Deepdale plastic but it was North End who went closest to breaking the deadlock in the early stages when Jason Kerfoot struck the post with a 25 yard drive.

From then on the Bolton defence were well on top with Gareth Gray dealing competently with a number of hopeful crosses despite the blustery wind.

Andrew Gill in the Preston goal was also in good form but Bolton's appeals to test him from the penalty spot, after Nicky Brookman was tripped by Simon Snow, were turned down by the referee.

Both Mike Jeffrey and Neil Fisher found the net for the Wanderers early in the second half but both efforts were ruled out for infringements. This set the scene for the remainder of the game with Bolton holding the upper hand but failing to convert their chances in front of goal.

Perhaps the best chance came from full back Darren Oliver whose low shot was heading for the bottom corner of the net until Gill managed to produce a spectacular save.

TEAMS

Bolton: Gray, Hughes, Oliver, Spooner, Stubbs, Neal, Henshaw, Mason, Brookman, Jeffrey, Fisher. Subs: Roberts for Hughes, Stevens.

Preston: Gill, James, Siddall, Anderton, Walker, Snow, Ashcroft, Eaves, Peel, Kerfoot, Keighley.

Subs: Lambert, McCullough.



GARETH GRAY in good form at Deepdale.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE—DIVISION 2 Table as at 4th March, 1990.

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Sheffield W.	24	14	3	7	50	24	45
Sunderland	23	13	5	5	41	21	44
Middlesbrough	24	9	9	6	36	24	36
Rotherham Utd.	22	11	3	8	30	22	36
Scunthorpe Utd.	24	10	6	8	34	34	36
Barnsley	23	10	3	10	36	30	33
Mansfield Town	23	10	3	10	31	41	33
Stoke City	23	9	5	9	36	30	32
Preston N.E.	24	9	5	10	24	41	32
West Brom. Alb.	21	8	7	6	42	27	31
Blackpool	25	7	8	10	28	41	29
Port Vale	21	7	6	8	38	47	27
York City	23	8	2	13	29	41	26
Wigan Athletic	21	6	4	11	25	37	22
Bolton Wand.	20	5	5	10	29	39	20
Burnley	19	6	2	11	21	34	20
Grimsby Town	22	4	4	14	24	46	16



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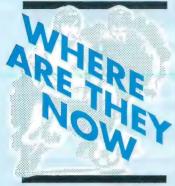
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TREVOR ROSS
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When it comes to spotting 'emyoung Arsenal signed up Trevor Ross at the age of thirteen and his school holidays were taken up by training and coaching sessions within the Highbury Youth Development policy.

Trevor recalls in those early days undergoing intensive weight training and shooting practice by continually "belting balls against a wall". It was at the age of 17 that Trevor got the feel of First Division football coming on for the last half hour against Liverpool and linking up with the likes of Liam Brady, Charlie George, Eddie Kelly and George Armstrong.

He developed into a fearless midfield player with a thunderbolt shot and these qualities attracted the then manager of Everton, Gordon Lee. A cheque of £175,000 brought 'ROSCO' back to his native north west and he became the 'ball winner' in the Everton midfield of Colin Harvey and Martin Dobson feeding the skilful Duncan McKenzie and Bob Latchford.

After five seasons at Goodison. Trevor looked to a "new challenge" abroad with AEK Athens. He admitted being attracted by the money but declared, "The move turned out to be so depressing. On the field I was a hero because the Club had never had a player of my calibre. The fans loved me but the press picked on me calling me this, that and the other, and players out there have no protection. After six months I'd had enough and walked out on them."

Back in England and looking

for a club Trevor was ready to sign for Blackpool when his former Everton team mate Martin Dobson, who was by then in charge at Bury, persuaded him to Gigg Lane where he spent three seasons.

Trevor's fearless attitude and commitment to the game brought out one amusing football story. It was during a pre-match dressing room team talk that the manager asked 'Rosco' to play his opponent out of the game and the reply came back "do you mean just for today boss or for good?"

Nowadays Trevor is manager at Bass North West league Ashton United. He said, "This level is completely different to professional level and not knowing non league I had to put in a lot of hard work initially. It took a solid six or seven months of learning and getting to know people. But now we've got a nice little side together and could be a force next season. I've played with the best in the game and been managed by the best in the game in Bertie Mee and Howard Kendall and one day I might get a chance at League level."

Trevor pointed to the main management aspect of the job saying, "You have got to gain respect and all of my players respect me. You can't train them like pro's when they have worked all day. It's a long way from Highbury to Ashton but maybe one day . . . "

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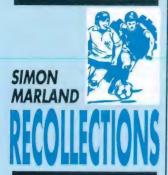
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"The exception rather than the rule"

Photo: Trevor Morgan (grounded) forces home Bolton's equaliser in last season's 3-3 draw.

If last season's encounter between the Wanderers and Notts County here at Burnden is anything to go by we should be in for an entertaining afternoon.

County romped into a three goal half time lead thanks to Phil Turner, Adrian Thorpe and an own goal from Dean Crombie which threatened to end Bolton's eight game unbeaten run.

The Wanderers hit back during the second period and had levelled the scores by the 79th minute and were unlucky not to snatch the points. John Thomas, Steve Thompson and Trevor Morgan were on the mark that day.

The result meant that County haven't won at Burnden on their last eight visits, although they have drawn three times, their last success being at Second Division level in November 1973 by 3-1.

Both clubs met regularly in pre league days but County's first League visit to Bolton came in March 1889. Bolton's first ever international, Kenny Davenport, helped himself to a hat trick in a 7-3 win just four days after the Wanderers had won 4-0 at Nottingham.

The Wanderers managed to hit Notts for seven again in December, this time by 7-1, but these high scoring affairs have been the exception rather than the rule.

County's record at Bumden in the Third Division has seen them lose just once in five visits. That came in April 1986 when a Jimmy Phillips goal separated the teams.

Bolton have found life at Meadow Lane difficult with just one win in the last eleven League visits. A goal from Paul Jones in September 1976 was enough to win the points and keep Bolton up with the Second Division leaders.

It was in August 1972 that Bolton recorded their only Third Division win at Meadow Lane and indeed was the last time that they managed to score more than one goal there. The 2-1 win came courtesy of two Roger Hunt goals whilst another ex Liverpool forward, Tony Hateley, hit County's goal.

Earlier this season the Wanderers went down 2-1 in Nottingham with Tony Philliskirk hitting a late goal after Tommy Johnson and Garry Lund had put Notts in front.

Our overall League record against Notts County is as follows:-

PI W D L F A
Home 34 18 7 9 66 37
Away 35 10 12 13 42 45
Total 69 28 19 22 108 82







Once again the Wanderers were making an attempt to return to the top flight at the first time of asking. Unfortunately money was short and the only major signings for the new season were Joe Hewitt from Liverpool and Fred Shinton from Leicester both of whom were forwards. A 'raw' youngster from South Wales named Ted Vizard was also taken onto the payroll which was being drastically reduced.

A poor opening was made, for after a home draw with Stockport, Leicester Fosse highlighted Bolton's weakness and ran up a 5-0 win. For the next game, against promotion favourites West Brom, at Burnden, six changes were made. This had a desired effect with the Wanderers winning 3-1 thanks to a Billy Hughes hat trick.

During this game the Wanderers' Bolton born captain Sam Greenhalgh was sent off for kicking an opponent and was subsequently suspended by the FA for 14 days. The two games he missed whilst suspended were his only absences during the whole campaign.

The sweeping changes made for the game against West Brom were to strike the key note of success as the side went through the season without suffering a home reverse in the League. This wasn't, however, the case in the FA Cup as Chesterfield ousted the Wanderers from the Cup on their own soil

in the first round.

Ted Vizard made his League debut for the Wanderers in a 3-0 home win over Gainsborough, thus forming a partnership on the left wing with Joe Smith that was to serve the club for more than sixteen years.

The Wanderers went to the top of the Second Division for the first time on 26th November after a 3-1 win at Lincoln City. On the last day of the year Leicester Fosse were beaten 6-2 at Burnden, the crowd of 9,300 being the best of the season to date, and Billy Hughes scoring his fourth hat trick of the year.

Two days later the attendance doubled for the visit of Barnsley who fell by 4-0, the faith of the local's in the Club was returning.

During January Ted Vizard made his Welsh International debut, whilst Fred Shinton,





who had failed to establish himself returned to Leicester Fosse.

The race for promotion became a three horse race. The Wanderers, West Brom and Chelsea all holding the leadership at some stage during March.

It became obvious that the issue would not be settled until the final day of the season. On 26th April promotion rivals Chelsea were beaten 2-0 at Burnden before a crowd of 40,000. This left both the Wanderers and West Brom level on 51 points with Chelsea two points adrift and all with one game left to play.

The Wanderers' final

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TED VIZARD

Became Welsh International two months after his League bow. game was at Birmingham where a win would give them the Championship, a draw would be good enough for promotion, but a defeat would let in their rivals.

As it was the Wanderers went down 2-1 whilst West Brom defeated Huddersfield to take the Championship. There was a sigh of relief when the result came through that Chelsea had lost at third from bottom Gainsborough thus giving the Wanderers promotion as runners up.

The football field summed up that "the season has been one of the most critical periods through which the Club has ever passed. Year by year there have been times of stress and trouble in which great obstacles have had to be overcome. Up to now the club has survived all it's manifold disappointments and for the fourth time claims its rightful place."



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Division Two

Notts County 1 (Vinter)

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Last Saturday we encountered the £1 programme once again in the form of 'The Royal' which is the matchday magazine of Reading F.C.

A very colourful and attractive cover could not disguise what was a bit of a let down. This 32 page issue had colour pages throughout but unlike it's £1 counterparts Brentford and Fulham it did lack in depth content and varied articles.

Good factors that did come out of the programme included 'Strains of Soccer', an interesting column by Elm Park Physio John Haselden which featured 'Fractures' and 'Third Degree' which was an informative review on happenings in the Division. The Wanderers section was quite acceptable with a recent history feature and review of present season form in the League and Cup competitions.

Overall it was a pretty average programme with a very inflated price, probably riding on the backs of the London clubs which all seem to be charging high prices these days. The efforts of recent seasons which I must say were very impressive seem to have lost some of that shine on this season's contribution but with gates down maybe economics were due to this factor.





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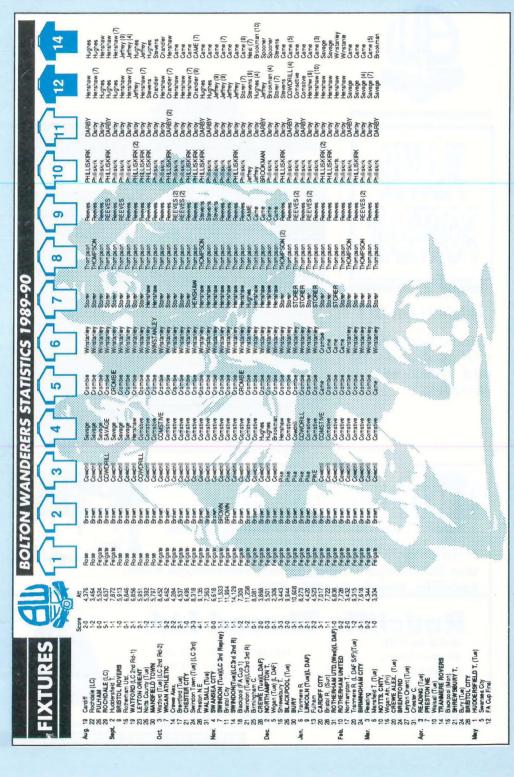
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DIVISION THREE

(Table as at Sat. 3rd March, 1990.)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol City	28	17	5	6	38	21	56
Tranmere R	31	16	6	9	61	34	54
Bristol R	29	14	11	4	42	21	53
Notts Co	30	15	8	7	44	34	53
Rotherham U	31	14	9	8	57	37	51
Bolton W	29	13	10	- 6	44	32	49
Huddersfield	29	13	9	7	38	32	48
Bury	32	12	8	12	46	41	44
Brentford	31	13	3	15	46	47	42
Shrewsbury T	30	10	10	10	39	37	40
Birm'gham C .	30	11	7	12	36	39	40
Reading	29	9	12	8	38	35	39
Crewe Alex	30	9	12	9	33	32	39
Chester	33	9	12	12	30	41	39
Swansea	31	10	9	12	32	43	39
Fulham	31	9	10	12	41	44	37
Wigan Ath	30	8	12	10	30	40	36
Leyton Orient	31	10	5	16	37	44	35
Mansfield	30	10	4	16	31	43	34
Northampton	27	8	8	11	33	41	32
Preston	31	9	5	17	42	60	32
Cardiff	29	7	10	12	31	43	31
Blackpool	29	7	9	13	31	41	30
Waisali	29	5	10	14	26	44	25

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- 1 Dave FELGATE
- 2 Phil BROWN
- 3 Barry COWDRILL
- 4 Paul COMSTIVE
- 5 Mark CAME
- 6 Mark WINSTANLEY
- 7 Stuart STORER
- 8 Steve THOMPSON
- 9 David REEVES
- 10 Tony PHILLISKIRK
- 11 Julian DARBY
- 12
- 14

TODAYS LINE UP

NOTTS COUNTY

Black & White Striped Shirts/
Black Shorts

- 1 Steve CHERRY
- 2 Charlie PALMER
- 3 Nicky PLATNAUER
- 4 Craig SHORT
- 5 Dean YATES
- 6 Phil ROBINSON
- 7 Mark DRAPER
- **8 Paul TURNER**
- 9 Gary LUND
- 10 Gary CHAPMAN
- 11 Tommy JOHNSON
- 12
- 14

Today's Officials Referee: J. L. Watson



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